

REMARKS

In the application claims 1, 5-12, 14-21, and 28 and remain pending, claims 23-27 have been deleted without prejudice. Claim 28 has been amended and find it's support in the application as originally filed.

1. Restriction

The Examiner maintained that claims 23-27 are drawn to a distinct and separate invention from the claims 1,5-12, 14-21, and 28. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that while claims 1, 5-12, 14-21, and 28 are characterized by examiner as falling under class 297 and claim 23-27 are characterized by examiner as falling under class 73, it would not present a serious or undue burden for examiner to examine all pending claims together. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the characterization of claims 1, 5-12, 14-21, and 23-28 and the associated restriction requirement. In the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application, Applicant deleted claims 23-27 at this time without prejudice, and amended claim 28 to include all limitations of claims 23-27. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) at such time as appropriate to prosecute the deleted claims.

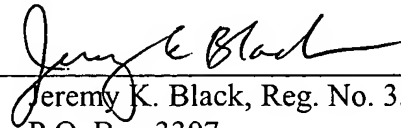
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In an effort to expedite the prosecution of the subject application it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned should any the Examiner have any further questions or comments.

Respectfully Submitted;

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